

**AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES****BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2016**

The City Council of Austin, Texas convened in a Budget Work Session meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2016, City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas.

Mayor Adler called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. Council Member Kitchen was absent.

3. Approve a resolution adopting a maximum proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate of 44.18 cents per \$100 taxable value that the City Council will consider for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; and setting the date that the Council will adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 property (ad valorem) tax rate (Suggested date and time: September 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. Austin City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin TX). (Public comment will be allowed on this item.)

The motion to adopt the maximum proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate of 44.18 cents per \$100 taxable value was approved on Council Member Renteria's motion, Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's second on a 7-1 vote. Council Member Troxclair voted nay. Council Members Pool and Zimmerman were off the dais. Council Members Kitchen was absent.

The motion setting the date that Council will adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 property (ad valorem) tax rate was set for September 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., Austin City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, TX on Mayor Pro Tem Tovo's motion, Council Member Casar's second on an 8-0 vote. Council Members Pool and Zimmerman were off the dais. Council Members Kitchen was absent.

Resolution 20160810-003 was approved on the motions listed above.

4. Set public hearings on the proposed property (ad valorem) tax rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (Suggested dates and times: August 18, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. and September 1 at 4:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, TX). (Public comment will be allowed on this item).

The public hearings were set for August 18, 2016 and September 1, 2016, 4:00 p.m. at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX on Council Member Houston's motion, Council Member Renteria's second on an 8-0 vote. Council Members Pool and Zimmerman were off the dais. Council Members Kitchen was absent.

1. Briefing and discussion on fiscal year 2016-2017 proposed budgets for city departments.
Presentation was made by Ed Van Eenoo, Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Budget Officer.

The following departmental presentations were made:

Economic Development: Presentation was made by Kevin Johns, Director and Sylvania Holt-Rabb.

Direction was given to staff to add Council Member Zimmerman as a supporter of item ED 2.05 on the Council Budget Concept List; and to provide Council with a list of all cultural arts programs/locations throughout the City including those in Economic Development, Parks and Recreation and Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Development Services: Presentation was made by Rodney Gonzales, Director and Tim Montgomery, Chief Financial Manager.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with the draft questions being included on the customer service poll for feedback including the protocol and sampling method being used for the poll; and to provide Council with information on the resources required to implement the Zucker report recommendations within the recommended two year time period.

Planning and Zoning: Presentation was made by Greg Guernsey, Director.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on the estimated tax revenue for future annexations and on the agreement with Lost Creek Municipal Utility District.

Mayor Adler recessed the meeting at 12:04 p.m. without objection.

Mayor Pro Tem Tovo reconvened the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Austin Transportation: Presentation was made by Rob Spillar, Director.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with quarterly updates on transportation/mobility projects that are occurring within each district; a breakdown of costs of activities funded through the general fund and funded through fees; information on the rent increases for space at Lower Colorado River Authority and One Texas Center; and information on the last cost of service study for transportation fees.

Public Works: Presentation was made by Robert Hinojosa, Interim Director and James Snow, Assistant Director.

Austin Fire: Presentation was made by Rhoda Mae Kerr, Fire Chief.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council with information on the fees charged by the Fire Department and an analysis of the cost of service.

Austin Water Utility: Presentation was made by Greg Meszaros, Director and David Anders, Assistant Director.

Direction was given to staff to provide Council more information on the position being requested for public information requests.

2. **Discussion and possible action on the Council Budget Concept Menu.
This item was withdrawn without objection.**

Mayor Adler adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 18th day of August 2016 on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Garza's second on an 11-0 vote.